REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to add sequence identifiers corresponding to the amino acid and nucleic acid sequences present in the application as-filed. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Further and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

In the event any further fees are due to maintain pendency of this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. <u>02-4800</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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